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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady in all areas. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate at best; supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants down Monday for the holiday, and some running Saturday. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Wings were in good balance to tight, but becoming slightly more available. Breast items were sufficient, and moving into a better balance, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 16-JAN-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	46.00-69.50	54.15	27
New York	55.00-58.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	67.00-71.00	48.00-75.00	68.88	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
920	67.50-72.00	69.90
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)		(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	135.50	1,090
BREASTS - B/S	107.50	5,036
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50	1,209
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	866
LEG QUARTERS	27.50	6,951
WINGS	96.50	2,643

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were moderate to light with birds in a desirable weight ranges. Movement into all channels was slowing, light to moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to long with buyers turning cautious and selective. Parts trade was slowing and generally light. Supplies of wings remained limited, but more available with trade haggling over fair market value; breast cuts were available with firmer offering quotes noted and all other parts were sufficient for current trade call. The market tone was steady to firm on boneless dark meat, fully steady on wings, and steady on the balance.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food specials and active sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules for next week were mixed with some plants down Monday for the King Holiday. In the parts structure, trading was light to improved, best where weekend and retail needs increased. Wings were close to short and still moving well. The remaining items were in a better position with supplies adequate to more manageable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Market tone was generally steady. Early trading reported at unchanged to slightly lower prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover trade needs. Retailer demand was moderate; good where specials and promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings varied and were noted as at least adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance to tight. Breast items fully sufficient and dark meat cuts were adequate to at least adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings varied in both size and availability as some plants looked to operate on Saturday and several planned to close on Monday in observance of the holiday. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for the weekend. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally noted as adequate to fully adequate and moving into a closer better balance, particularly on breast cuts.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	01/09/06-01/13/06
	01/10/05-01/14/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	01/09/06-01/13/06
	01/10/05-01/14/05
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

JAN 12

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JAN 13

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	710	82.00-155.00	84-87	90.04	705	82.00-159.00	85-90	93.87	3,380	90.89	
TENDERLOINS	293	68.00-139.00	75-80	80.40	288	65.00-139.00	-	75.94	1,325	80.30	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				112	52.00-63.00	53-55	54.05	600	54.23	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	53.36	
LEGS	248	30.00-48.00	32-34	33.32	208	30.00-48.00	32-34	34.73	1,208	32.33	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	19.00-25.00	20-22	21.26	628	19.00-25.00	20-22	21.18	3,060	20.83	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,149	21.00-30.00	23-24	23.50	1,129	21.00-30.00	23-24	23.42	5,370	23.37	
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	87.00-95.00	88-92	91.16	347	87.00-99.00	95-97	95.23	2,064	91.02	
WINGS (CUT)	335	107.00-115.00	109-112	111.09	285	110.00-114.00	-	113.12	1,320	110.27	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				595	32.95	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				170	36.95	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				542	91.99	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR JAN 12, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JAN 13, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE**

33.50 - 41.50

37.88

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

35.50 - 41.50

38.59

36.97

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as mostly moderate overall. Offerings of breast items were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to at least adequate. Wings were in good balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best where scattered feature activity was noted. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings; steady for breast cuts and most dark meat items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

JAN 12

**CURRENT NEG****WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100	97.93	751,520
TENDERLOINS	90-95	90.51	97,860
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	56.69	255,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	50.11	81,000
LEGS	39-40	38.66	255,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.60	221,760
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	35.71	108,080
THIGHS	32-33	40.77	72,320
B/S THIGHS	99-100	92.30	63,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95	96.07	208,420
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.22	24,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	47.32	14,623
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.51	20,160

**CURRENT NEG****WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100	97.76	1,335,640	96.94	4,108,760
TENDERLOINS	90-95	93.38	172,240	92.01	662,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	62.23	74,600	59.30	511,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	50.50	90,000	49.77	396,340
LEGS	39-40	39.17	229,800	40.19	1,150,740
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.63	569,836	23.93	1,663,396
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.81	116,240	34.45	485,950
THIGHS	32-33	41.04	54,600	40.34	299,700
B/S THIGHS	99-100	96.13	84,440	93.56	426,660
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	92.60	216,200	93.18	1,003,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.32	19,840	11.17	95,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	46.03	13,702	47.03	64,128
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.20	26,840	74.18	102,280

JAN 13

WEEKLY

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	01/13	01/12	01/11	01/10	01/11	01/10	01/06	01/04		
Arkansas	4,179	4,072	3,967	4,004	5.38	5.49	4,344	5.34		
Delmarva	5,474	5,350	5,294	5,258	5.24	5.32	6,745	5.38		
KY-LA-TN	2,831	2,288	2,333	2,559	5.75	5.68	3,297	5.87		
Mississippi	2,568	2,339	2,144	2,191	5.12	5.13	2,619	5.26		
North Carolina	3,416	2,827	2,853	2,853	5.63	5.65	3,736	5.71		
Texas	3,325	2,558	2,552	2,517	6.80	6.88	3,932	6.81		
Total	2,261	2,873	2,531	2,524	5.23	5.36	2,539	5.43		
Mon-Fri	24,054	22,307	21,674	21,678	5.54	5.60	27,212	5.63		
Saturday	112,633(A)						100,162 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Jan-06 and 14-Jan-06 is estimated to be 35,987,000 head down 11.87 percent from a week ago and up 6.63 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 40,834,000, last year 33,748,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Jan-06 is estimated to be 169,608,000 head up 13.05 percent from a week ago, and up 6.39 percent from a year ago. (Last week 150,026,000, last year 159,418,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & up	99-108
HENS UNDER 5 LBS	-
HENS OVER 5 LBS	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-190

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 31-Dec-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,388	14,194	42,528
Avg Weight	3.60	4.78	6.55
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%

#### Comparisons

Last week	23,510	10,908	49,195
Avg Weight	3.72	4.64	6.42
% of total /1	28%	13%	59%

Same week, yr ago /2	25,548	14,092	40,006
Avg Weight	3.83	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	32%	18%	50%

To date/2005	1,387,792	1,072,576	2,610,799
To date/2004	1,343,234	1,080,676	2,376,130

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 07-JAN-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	150,026	1,275	1,400	2,675	495
Avg Wt	5.38	3.40	7.75	5.68	6.80
Last week	142,014	984	1,173	2,157	515
Same wk yr ago	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954	550
Avg Wt	5.35	3.37	8.12	5.75	6.90
To-date/2006	150,026	1,275	1,400	2,675	495
To-date/2005	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954	550

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.8 million head, or 4.7 million less than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
Week ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
December	3 166.5	157.5	106%	5.47
	10 163.9	158.5	103%	5.46
	17 166.3	157.9	105%	5.37
	24 153.5	155.4	99%	5.43
	31 143.7	154.6	93%	5.35
January	7 151.8	156.5	97%	5.38
Year to date	151.8	156.5	97%	
January	14	160.4		
	21	162.4		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	01/07/05	12/31/05	% CHG	01/08/05	% CHG
Broilers	169,608	150,026*	+13.05	159,418*	+6.39
Cattle	606	529	+15	595*	+02
Hogs	2,067	1,823	+13	2,034*	+02

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 09-JAN-2006

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58.00-62.00	60.00-62.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	64.00-87.00	72.00-78.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were balanced. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 09-JAN-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 01-10-06**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.75 - .80ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .70ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .25
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .35
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.30 - .35
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.45 - .50
Guinea Fowl	.70 - 1.00ea.
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 1.25ea.
Banty Hens	.75 - 1.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.02 - .03
Leghorn Roosters	.03 - .04
Silkie	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50ea.
White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.55 - 1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.60 - 1.70
Bunnies	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 4.00ea.
Doves	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.40 - .45

Total Coops Sold 336

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally no better than fair for light canners; mostly fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were generally adequate current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-11	6.5-9.5

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were sluggish. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs were irregular. Offerings were balanced to fully adequate with demand moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-7	5.5-7

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-JANUARY-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product ranged light to moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of finished product were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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